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SUBJ: FERRYBOATS BETWEEN TURKEY AND GREEK ISLANDS

1. TURKISH PRESS THIS WEEK HAS CARRIED REPORTS THAT FERRYBOAT SERVICE

BETWEEN TURKISH AEGEAN PORTS AND GREEK ISLAND HAS BEEN RESUMED. IN FACT, DAILY SERVICE BY TURKISH AND GREEK FLAG BOATS BETWEEN KUSADASI AND SAMOS RESUMED MARCH 13. SERVICE BETWEEN CESME AND CHIOS, BODRUM AND KOS, AND MARMARIS AND RHODES REMAINS SUSPENDED, HOWEVER.

2. WITH EXCEPTION OF KUSADASI-SAMOS RUN, FERRY SERVICE IN THE AEGEAN HAS BEEN DOMINATED BY GREEK FLAG BOATS. LOCAL TURKISH OFFICIALS SAY

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GOT WILLING, EVEN ANXIOUS, TO RESUME FERRY SERVICE BUT WILL DO SO ONLY

IF TURKISH FLAG BOATS GIVEN RECIPROCAL RIGHTS TO CALL AT GREEK PORTS.

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GOT REPORTEDLY SENT NOTE TO GOG IN MID-APRIL PROPOSING RESUMPTION

ON RECIPROCAL BASIS BUT HAS RECEIVED NO RESPONSE.

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